

Appl. No. 09/679,043
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REMARKS

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are three separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention, drawn to a method of determining holo-TCII via an immobilized cobalamin and a specific binding ligand, apo-TCII is removed or unable to bind the specific binding ligand which includes claims 50-70, without traverse. Applicants have canceled claims 71-72 without prejudice or disclaimer as being directed to the non-elected inventions. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

In view of the election of the Group I invention, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,

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